Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Michael "Mike" Glenn Madsen was born on March 22, 1944, in Breckenridge, Minnesota, to Chrise and Geneva Madsen, and shared his childhood with two brothers, Eddie and Larry; and,

Whereas, Mike attended high school at West Central School of Agriculture in Morris, Minnesota, where he excelled in football, graduating in 1962; and

Whereas, Mike married Diane Jerpseth on August 31, 1963, and to this union two daughters, Lauri and Sara, were born, who presented them with three granddaughters; and,

Whereas, Mike attended South Dakota State University, graduating in 1966, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, during which time he pledged to Alpha Zeta Fraternity and obtained his private pilot license; and,

Whereas, Mike began his career with the United States Department of Agriculture on July 1, 1966; transferred to the Farmers Home Administration on April 1, 1968; in 1985 Mike was promoted to farm loan specialist at the Huron, South Dakota, state office, where he continued to work until his retirement; and,

Whereas, Mike's life does not stop with his work and family, as other interests have kept him active, including farming, service work (church, Sertoma, Masons), as well as the distinction in his neighborhood as always being available to help when needed for any project; and,

Whereas, After a stellar career with the United States Department of Agriculture, in excess of 37 years, Mike will join his wife, Diane, in the retirement ranks on January 2, 2004. Mike will now substitute his United States Department of Agriculture time for his other interests, and we are confident there will be no time wasted; and,

Whereas, The traits of honesty, loyalty, ambition, humor and dedication that have served Mike well in the past will continue to serve him in retirement. People most familiar with Mike may also add that he is conservative, detail oriented, structured, gentle, fair minded, passionate, and a team player; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments and years of service of this special South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 2, 2004, as

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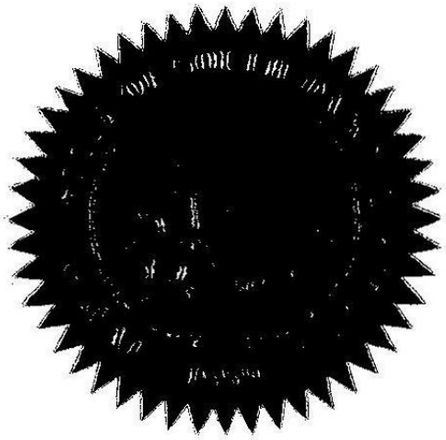
in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him well in his deserved retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State